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SUBJECT: SAUCE FROM THE GOOSE AFTER SAUCE FROM THE GANDER

1. FOLLOWING HARD ON MILITARY PAY RAISE ANNOUNCED BY
PRESIDENT MARCOS DEC. 22 (SEPTEL) MRS. MARCOS ANNOUNCED
THAT HER HUSBAND HAD SIGNED PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 855 AND
LETTER OF INSTRUCTION 350 "STANDARDIZING" SALARIES OF
POLICEMEN, FIREMEN AND JAIL GUARDS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIP-
PINOS ALTHOUGH SALARIES WILL STILL VARY ACCORDING TO
CATEGORY OF TOWN OR CITY AND THERE IS PROVISION FOR
REGIONAL COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES. NEW DECREE WILL MEAN
PAY INCREASES FOR AT LEAST 50,000 AND INITIAL COST IS
ESTIMATED AT 305 MILLION PESOS. MRS. MARCOS MADE
ANNOUNCEMENT AT POLICE AWARD CEREMONIES IN FOLK ART THEATRE
DEC 23. THE METRO MANILA GOVERNOR REPORTEDLY WON CHEERS
FROM 15,000 IN AUDIENCE WHEN SHE ALSO SAID METRO MANILA
INTEGRATED POLICE MEMBERS WOULD HAVE COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES
SIMILAR TO THOSE ENJOYED BY AFP. SHE ALSO PROMISED SPOT
PROMOTIONS AND CASH BONUSES TO OUTSTANDING POLICEMEN.

2. DEC 23 CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY SECRETARY ENRILE, PC

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CHIEF MG RAMOS, METROCOM COMMANDER GEN. IVAS, ARCHBISHOP

SIN AND METRO MANILA MAYORS. IT WAS LEAD STROY IN DEC 24 BULLETIN AND TIMES JOURNAL. EXPRESS GAVE IT PROMINENT FRONT PAGE TREATMENT BUT LED WITH PRESIDENT'S END OF YEAR CABINET MEETING.

3. COMMENT: EFFORT AT COUNTRYWIDE STANDARDIZATION OF POLICE PAY SCALES IS LOGICAL OBJECTIVE UNDER INTEGRATED NATIONAL POLICE CONCEPT. WHAT MADE DEC 23 CEREMONY INTERESTING WAS MRS. MARCOS' ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE (USUALLY MARCOS HIMSELF ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT DECREES) AND TRANS-PARENT EFFORT TO TAKE PERSONAL CREDIT FOR IT. HER GRANT OF COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES AND PROMISE OF GENEROSITY TO ACHIEVERS SEEMS PART OF ONGOING EFFORT TO EMPHASIZE HER GROWING ROLE AS FONT OF HONOR AND PRIVILEGES.

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